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Ms. Katy Coba
Director, Oregon Department of Agriculture
635 Capitol St. NE
Salem, OR 97301
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Dear Ms. Coba,

Canola Seed (rapeseed) Production in Oregon

We, Takii & Co., Ltd., is the leading vegetable seed company in Japan and is one of the top five horticultural seed companies in the world. We have been importing from the state of Oregon vegetable, grass and forage seeds for more than thirty years. The main vegetable seed crop we grow in Oregon are Brassica species.

It has recently come to our attention that the Willamette Valley Specialty Seed Association has published their position paper in which they expressed their opposition to the introduction of canola (rapeseed for oil) into the Willamette Valley and other vegetable seed producing areas in Oregon.

Lifting the current restriction on canola would pose to the Brassica seed crop in Oregon an enormous danger of pollen contamination from the canola crop. This is a very serious problem for all the vegetable seed companies growing seeds in Oregon including ourselves. Therefore, we, Takii & Co., Ltd. fully support the position of the Willamette Valley Specialty Seed Association in this regard.

Sincerely yours,

Takii & Company, Limited

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Denichi Takii", written in a cursive style.
Denichi Takii,

President